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JAPAN.

*Sanitary condition of Japan.*

YOKOHAMA, December 8, 1897.

SIR: Although I am unable to forward my regular report of infectious disease in Japan by the present mail, I have the honor to inform you that the sanitary condition of the Empire remains practically unchanged since my return of November 8 to November 28, save that a few cases of plague have occurred at a comparatively unimportant port of Formosa, exact statistics of which are not to be obtained, and that the Japanese quarantine officials at Nagasaki, and other points more directly in communication with Formosa, have been, accordingly, notified to take all due precautions.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

NICARAGUA.

*Quarantine against New Orleans raised at San Juan del Norte.*

SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, NICARAGUA,

*November 25, 1897.*

SIR: Under date of November 16, 1897, our consular agent at Bluefields, Nicaragua, reports as follows:

"Quarantine is raised to-day. The steamship *Fulton* arrived from New Orleans this morning and the officers reported that new cases of yellow fever were decreasing in number and that deaths were few.

"Upon hearing this report, Dr. Pruett, the health physician at this port, deemed it unnecessary to further continue the quarantine at this place from either New Orleans or Mobile.

"An official order to the above effect will soon be promulgated by General Reyes, the inspector-general of this coast."

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS O'HARA,

*United States Consul.*

Hon. WILLIAM R. DAY,

*Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney.*—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 410,000. Total deaths, 389, including enteric fever 5; diphtheria, 5, and scarlet fever, 2.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended December 17. Estimated population, 1,472. No deaths.

*Governors Harbor.*—Week ended December 18. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths.

*Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.*—Two weeks ended December 18. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

FRANCE—*Nantes.*—Month of November, 1897. Estimated population, 125,757. Total deaths, 191, including enteric fever, 3.

*Roubaix*.—Month of November, 1897. Estimated population, 130,750. Total deaths, 191, including enteric fever, 3; diphtheria, 1; measles, 10, and whooping cough, 3.

*Rouen*.—Month of November, 1897. Estimated population, 112,657. Total deaths, 232, including diphtheria and croup, 1; enteric fever, 1, and phthisis pulmonalis, 1.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended December 11 correspond to an annual rate of 20.8 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,524. The highest rate was recorded in Norwich, viz, 34.1, and the lowest in Cardiff, viz, 14.4.

*London*.—One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 122; scarlet fever, 18; diphtheria, 58; whooping cough, 46; enteric fever, 14, and diarrhea and dysentery, 12. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 21.8 a thousand. In greater London 2,414 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 20.0 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 20 from diphtheria, 40 from measles, 4 from scarlet fever, and 7 from whooping cough.

*Ireland*.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended December 13 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 22.0 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Kilkenny, viz, 0.0, and the highest in Clonmel, viz, 39.0 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 171 deaths were registered, including enteric fever, 7, scarlet fever, 4, and diphtheria, 1.

*Scotland*.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended December 11 correspond to an annual rate of 20.2 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,549,907. The lowest mortality was recorded in Paisley, viz, 16.8, and the highest in Perth, viz, 29.0 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 603, including scarlet fever, 12; diphtheria, 5; measles, 16, and whooping cough, 20.

INDIA—*Singapore*.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 56,000. Total deaths, 175, including cholera, 23; beriberi, 119, and phthisis pulmonalis, 101.

JAMAICA.—November 27 to December 4. Estimated population, 694,865. Total deaths not reported. Seven deaths from yellow fever.

*Kingston*.—Month of November, 1897. Estimated population, 34,314. Total deaths, 106, including diphtheria, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 13, and yellow fever, 13.

RUSSIA—*Riga*.—Month of September, 1897. Estimated population, 282,000. Total deaths, 478, including diphtheria, 10; enteric fever, 11; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 19; whooping cough, 11, and phthisis pulmonalis, 42.

ST. HELENA.—October 30 to November 20, inclusive. Estimated population, 3,600. One death. No death from contagious disease.